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1. OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA) OFFICIALS TOLD LABATT THAT SO FAR 101 TELECOMMUNICATIONS WORKERS AND 78 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS EMPLOYED BY SHINON COMPANY AND 204 TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS EMPLOYED BY PARSE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINERS COMPANY HAD BEEN SENT TO IRAN AND ANOTHER PLANELOAD OF TRUCK DRIVERS WOULD LEAVE IN NEXT FEW DAYS. KOREA HAD ALSO SENT 339 WORKERS TO SAUDI ARABIA WORKING FOR THREE KOREAN AND ONE AMERICAN COMPANY, TAERIM, TONG-A, HANIL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND VINNELL CORP. (US). THIRD COUNTRY EMPLOYING KOREANS IS JORDAN WITH 56 TECHNICIANS WORKING FOR CHOSUK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

2. OLA OFFICIALS FURTHER INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IRANIANS HAD ABANDONED PLANS TO RECRUIT KOREAN DOCTORS AND NURSES, BECAUSE THEIR SALARY DEMANDS TOO
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HIGH. ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS NURSES ARE

OFFERED \$300 PER MONTH AND DOCTORS \$600 AND \$1000
FOR SPECIALISTS. THIS IS ABOUT WHAT SUCH MEDICAL
PERSONNEL CAN EARN IN KOREA AND GIVEN HIGHER COST OF
LIVING IN IRAN, MAKES OFFER UNREALISTIC. AS A RESULT
OF TOUGH BARGAINING ON IRANIAN SIDE, IRANIAN
MISSION NOW EXPECTED TO RECRUIT MOST MEDICAL PERSONNEL
IN INDIA AND TO BYPASS KOREA ON ITS SCHEDULED ASIAN TOUR.
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